

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-layer hose, comprising:  
an opaque, extrudable first layer;  
at least one opaque, extrudable second layer connected to the first layer; and  
~~at least~~ more than one marking section, each marking section comprising ~~at least~~ more than one character ~~letter character~~ and/or more than one number, the marking sections being provided in longitudinally spaced relationship with one another in a recurring mode of arrangement, the marking ~~section~~ sections being arranged between the first layer and the at least one second layer and adapted to be read making use of X rays.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first layer and the at least one second layer is made of an elastomer.

4. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 3, wherein the elastomer is a rubber.

5. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 4, wherein the rubber is an ethylene acrylate rubber.
6. (Currently Amended) A multi-layer hose according to claim 1, wherein the marking ~~section is~~ sections are formed by an ink.
7. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 6, wherein the ink contains an iodine compound.
8. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 7, wherein the iodine compound is iopamidole.
9. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 7, wherein the ink contains potassium iodide.
10. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 6, wherein the ink contains potassium bromide.
11. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 6, wherein the ink is applicable to the hose by means of a printer.
12. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 11, wherein the printer is an ink-jet printer.

13. (Previously Presented) A multi-layer hose according to claim 11, wherein the printer is a tampon printer.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a multi-layer hose, comprising:  
extruding an opaque first layer;  
then applying marking sections on the first layer, wherein the marking sections are adapted to be read making use of X rays; and  
then extruding at least one opaque second layer on top of the marking sections.

16. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein an adhesion promoter is applied between the first layer and the at least one second layer.

17. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein the marking sections are applied by printing onto the first layer.

18. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein the marking sections extend in the longitudinal direction of the hose.

19. (Currently Amended) A multi-layer hose according to claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one marking section comprises~~ sections comprise a date or a production number.

20. (Currently Amended) A multi-layer hose according to claim 1, wherein  
the ~~at least one marking section indicates~~ sections indicate a material.